notification for insertion of article 81 (e) in the Education Code for the Kendriya Vidyalayas was issued vide KVS O.M. No. F. 11-12/2003/KVS (Vig.) dated 6th August 2003.

(b) The provisions of the Article envisage a transparent as well as totally insulated mechanism, for taking an un-adulterated direct feedback from the students, on the fact of dereliction of duty as defined by the Article. It also provides for corrective mechanism by giving notice and chance to improve to those teachers/employees who are found responsible for dereliction of duty after the first assessment, by the students. The infliction of the major penalty of removal from service is also provided for, after the second assessment by students upon those who do not improve even after being given a chance after first assessment by the students. Principle of natural justice is followed by giving them a show cause notice before inflicting penalty. Provision for appeal also exists within the framework of the Article.

As per KVS, insertion of this article was necessitated because in a school situtation, the relationship of the student *vis-a-vis* the teachers and other employees of the school with whom he directly interacts, is an unequal relationship because of which the misconduct committed by any teaching/non-teaching employee, wherein the prime witness or the victim is the student, cannot be normally established by following the provisions of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. In this unequal relationship requiring the student to come forward openly with his evidence and allowing the teacher/employee to cross-examine him makes the child susceptible to retribution by the said teacher/employee or their colleagues. Since the students cannot be expected to take such a risk, these misconducts, some of which are crucial for the normal functioning of the school, go unpunished leading to their further commission with impunity. As it was felt necessary to stop the commission of such misconducts for the proper functioning of the school, the procedure laid down by the CCS (CCA) rules, 1965 was to be dispensed with for establishing the misconduct.

(c) KVS has decided to re-examine this issue.

National Policy of Education

416. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Policy of Education, 1986 recommended that at least 500 colleges should be made autonomous by the end of the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether the targeted number of colleges have been granted autonomy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Programme of Action 1992 evolved for implementation of the National Policy on Education 1986, as modified in 1992, provided that the number of autonomous colleges should be increased substantially during the 8th Plan. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, 133 colleges spread over 29 universities in eight States have so far been given the status of autonomous colleges. With a view to increasing the number of autonomous colleges in the country, several measures have recently been taken by the UGC which include revision of guidelines, giving advertisements in the newspapers inviting proposals from the colleges and making specific requests to the Vice Chancellors to send proposals from their affiliated colleges.

Grant to Government of Assam towards salary of teachers

417. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN :
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grant released to Government of Assam towards salary of teachers appointed under OBB scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the utilization status of the above, year-wise;

(c) the outstanding balance, if any, due to Government of Assam under the scheme; and

(d) the status as to the continuity of service of OBB teachers under SSA?